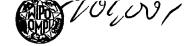
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(57) Abstract

An altered antibody chain is produced in which the CDR's of the variable domain of the chain are derived from a first mammalian species. The framework-encoding regions of DNA encoding the variable domain of the first species are mutated so that the mutated framework-encoding regions encode a framework derived from a second different mammalian species. The or each constant domain of the antibody chain, if present, are also derived from the second mammalian species. An antibody which is capable of binding to human CD4 antigen is also provided together with a pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody.

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FRAMEWORK MUTATED ANTIBODIES AND THEIR PREPARATION

The present invention relates to altered antibodies and their preparation. The invention is typically applicable to the production of humanised antibodies.

Antibodies typically comprise two heavy chains linked together by disulphide bonds and two light chains. Each light chain is linked to a respective heavy chain by disulphide bonds. Each heavy chain has at one end a variable domain followed by a number of constant domains.

10 Each light chain has a variable domain at one end and a constant domain at its other end. The light chain variable domain is aligned with the variable domain of the heavy chain. The light chain constant domain is aligned with the first constant domain of the heavy chain. The constant domain in the light and heavy chains are not involved

directly in binding the antibody to antigen.

The variable domains of each pair of light and heavy chains form the antigen binding site. The domains on the light and heavy chains have the same general structure and each domain comprises a framework of four regions, whose sequences are relatively conserved, connected by three complementarity determining regions (CDRs). The four framework regions largely adopt a beta-sheet conformation and the CDRs form loops connecting, and in some cases forming part of, the beta-sheet structure. The CDRs are held in close proximity by the framework regions and, with the CDRs from the other domain, contribute to the formation of the antigen binding site.

The preparation of an altered antibody in which the CDRs are derived from a different species than the framework of the antibody's variable domains is disclosed in EP-A-0239400. The CDRs may be derived from a rat or mouse monoclonal antibody. The framework of the variable domains, and the constant domains, of the altered antibody may be derived from a human antibody. Such a humanised

antibody elicits a negligible immune response when administered to a human compared to the immune response mounted by a human against a rat or mouse antibody. Humanised CAMPATH-1 antibody is disclosed in EP-A-0328404.

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We have now devised a new way of preparing an altered antibody. In contrast to previous proposals, this involves altering the framework of a variable domain rather than the CDRs. This approach has the advantages that it does not require a pre-existing cDNA encoding, for example, a human framework to which to reshape and that it is technically easier than prior methodologies.

Accordingly, the present invention provides a process for the preparation of an antibody chain in which the CDRs of the variable domain of the antibody chain are derived from a first mammalian species and the framework of the variable domain and, if present, the or each constant domain of the antibody chain are derived from a second different mammalian species, which process comprises:

- (i) mutating the framework-encoding regions of DNA
 20 encoding a variable domain of an antibody chain of the said first species such that the mutated framework-encoding regions encode the said framework derived from the said second species; and
- (ii) expressing the said antibody chain utilising the 25 mutated DNA from step (i).

A variable domain of either or both chains of an antibody can therefore be altered by:

- (a) determining the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of a variable domain of a selected antibody chain30 of the said first species;
 - (b) determining the antibody framework to which the framework of the said variable domain is to be altered;
 - (c) mutating the framework-encoding regions of DNA encoding the said variable domain such that the mutated

framework-encoding regions encode the framework determined
upon in step (b);

- (d) linking the mutated DNA obtained in step (c) to DNA encoding a constant domain of the said second species and5 cloning the DNA into an expression vector; and
 - (e) introducing the expression vector into a compatible host cell and culturing the host cell under such conditions that antibody chain is expressed.

The antibody chain may be co-expressed with a

10 complementary antibody chain. At least the framework of
the variable domain and the or each constant domain of the
complementary chain generally are derived from the said
second species also. A light chain and a heavy chain may
be co-expressed. Either or both chains may have been

15 prepared by the process of the invention. Preferably the
CDRs of both chains are derived from the same selected
antibody. An antibody comprising both expressed chains can
be recovered.

The antibody preferably has the structure of a natural antibody or a fragment thereof. The antibody may therefore comprise a complete antibody, a (Fab')₂ fragment, a Fab fragment, a light chain dimer or a heavy chain. The antibody may be an IgG such as an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3 or IgG4 IgM, IgA, IgE or IgD. Alternatively, the antibody may be a chimaeric antibody of the type described in WO 86/01533.

A chimaeric antibody according to WO 86/01533 comprises an antigen binding region and a non-immunoglobulin region. The antigen binding region is an antibody light chain variable domain or heavy chain variable domain. Typically, the chimaeric antibody comprises both light and heavy chain variable domains. The non-immunoglobulin region is fused at its C-terminus to the antigen binding region. The non-immunoglobulin region is typically a non-immunoglobulin protein and may be an enzyme region, a region derived from a protein having known binding specificity, from a protein

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toxin or indeed from any protein expressed by a gene. The two regions of the chimaeric antibody may be connected via a cleavable linker sequence.

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The invention is preferably employed to humanise an

antibody, typically a monoclonal antibody and, for example,
a rat or mouse antibody. The framework and constant
domains of the resulting antibody are therefore human
framework and constant domains whilst the CDRs of the light
and/or heavy chain of the antibody are rat or mouse CDRs.

Preferably all CDRs are rat or mouse CDRs. The antibody may be a human IgG such as IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, IgG4; IgM; IgA; IgE or IgD carrying rat or mouse CDRs.

The process of the invention is carried out in such a way that the resulting antibody retains the antigen binding capability of the antibody from which it is derived. An antibody is reshaped according to the invention by mutating the framework-encoding regions of DNA coding for the variable domains of the antibody. This antibody and the reshaped antibody should both be capable of binding to the same antigen.

The starting antibody is typically an antibody of a selected specificity. In order to ensure that this specificity is retained, the variable domain framework of the antibody is preferably reshaped to about the closest variable domain framework of an antibody of another species. By "about the closest" is meant about the most homologous in terms of amino acid sequences. Preferably there is a homology of at least 50% between the two variable domains.

There are four general steps to reshape a monoclonal antibody. These are:

(1) determining the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of the starting antibody light and heavy chain variable domains;

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- (2) designing the reshaped antibody, i.e. deciding which antibody framework region to use during the reshaping process;
 - (3) the actual reshaping methodologies/techniques; and
- 5 (4) the transfection and expression of the reshaped antibody.

These four steps are explained below in the context of humanising an antibody. However, they may equally well be applied when reshaping to an antibody of a non-human species.

Step 1: Determining the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of the antibody light and heavy chain variable domains

To reshape an antibody only the amino acid sequence of antibody's heavy and light chain variable domains needs to be known. The sequence of the constant domains is irrelevant because these do not contribute to the reshaping strategy. The simplest method of determining an antibody's variable domain amino acid sequence is from cloned cDNA encoding the heavy and light chain variable domain.

There are two general methods for cloning a given antibody's heavy and light chain variable domain cDNAs: (1) via a conventional cDNA library, or (2) via the polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Both of these methods are widely 25 known. Given the nucleotide sequence of the cDNAs, it is a simple matter to translate this information into the predicted amino acid sequence of the antibody variable domains.

30 Step 2: Designing the reshaped antibody

There are several factors to consider in deciding which human antibody sequence to use during the reshaping. The reshaping of light and heavy chains are considered independently of one another, but the reasoning is basically similar for each.

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This selection process is based on the following rationale: A given antibody's antigen specificity and affinity is primarily determined by the amino acid sequence of the variable region CDRs. Variable domain framework residues have little or no direct contribution. The primary function of the framework regions is to hold the CDRs in their proper spacial orientation to recognize antigen. Thus the substitution of rodent CDRs into a human variable domain framework is most likely to result in retention of their correct spacial orientation if the human variable domain is highly homologous to the rodent variable domain from which they originated. A human variable domain should preferably be chosen therefore that is highly homologous to the rodent variable domain(s).

A suitable human antibody variable domain sequence can be selected as follows:

1. Using a computer program, search all available protein (and DNA) databases for those human antibody variable domain sequences that are most homologous to the rodent antibody variable domains. This can be easily 20 accomplished with a program called FASTA but other suitable programs are available. The output of a suitable program is a list of sequences most homologous to the rodent antibody, the percent homology to each sequence, and an alignment of each sequence to the 25 rodent sequence. This is done independently for both the heavy and light chain variable domain sequences. The above analyses are more easily accomplished if customized sub-databases are first created that only include human immunoglobulin sequences. This has two 30 benefits. First, the actual computational time is greatly reduced because analyses are restricted to only those sequences of interest rather than all the sequences in the databases. The second benefit is that,

35 by restricting analyses to only human immunoglobulin

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sequences, the output will not be cluttered by the presence of rodent immunoglobulin sequences. There are far more rodent immunoglobulin sequences in databases than there are human.

- 5 2. List the human antibody variable domain sequences that have the most overall homology to the rodent antibody variable domain (from above). Do not make a distinction between homology within the framework regions and CDRs. Consider the overall homology.
- 10 3. Eliminate from consideration those human sequences that have CDRs that are a different length than those of the rodent CDRs. This rule does not apply to CDR 3, because the length of this CDR is normally quite variable.

 Also, there are sometimes no or very few human sequences that have the same CDR lengths as that of the rodent antibody. If this is the case, this rule can be loosened, and human sequences with one or more differences in CDR length can be allowed.
- 4. From the remaining human variable domains, the one is selected that is most homologous to that of the rodent.
 - 5. The actual reshaped antibody (the end result) should contain CDRs derived from the rodent antibody and a variable domain framework from the human antibody chosen above.

25 Step 3: The actual reshaping methodologies/techniques A cDNA encoding the desired reshaped antibody is preferably made beginning with the rodent cDNA from which the rodent antibody variable domain sequence(s) was originally determined. The rodent variable domain amino 30 acid sequence is compared to that of the chosen human antibody variable domain sequence. The residues in the rodent variable domain framework are marked that need to be changed to the corresponding residue in the human to make the rodent framework identical to that of the human

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framework. There may also be residues that need adding to or deleting from the rodent framework sequence to make it identical to that of the human.

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Oligonucleotides are synthesised that can be used to

mutagenize the rodent variable domain framework to contain
the desired residues. Those oligonucleotides can be of any
convenient size. One is normally only limited in length by
the capabilities of the particular synthesizer one has
available. The method of oligonucleotide-directed in vitro
mutagenesis is well known.

The advantages of this method of reshaping as opposed to splicing CDRs into a human framework are that (1) this method does not require a pre-existing cDNA encoding the human framework to which to reshape and (2) splicing CDRs 15 is technically more difficult because there is usually a large region of poor homology between the mutagenic oligonucleotide and the human antibody variable domain. This is not so much a problem with the method of splicing human framework residues onto a rodent variable domain because 20 there is no need for a pre-existing cDNA encoding the human variable domain. The method starts instead with the rodent cDNA sequence. Also, splicing framework regions is technically easier because there is a high degree of homology between the mutagenic oligonucleotide and the 25 rodent variable domain framework. This is true because a human antibody variable domain framework has been selected that is most homologous to that of the rodent.

The advantage of the present method of reshaping as opposed to synthesizing the entire reshaped version from scratch is that it is technically easier. Synthesizing a reshaped variable domain from scratch requires several more oligonucleotides, several days more work, and technical difficulties are more likely to arise.

Step 4: The transfection and expression of the reshaped antibody

Following the mutagenesis reactions to reshape the antibody, the cDNAs are linked to the appropriate DNA encoding light or heavy chain constant region, cloned into an expression vector, and transfected into mammalian cells. These steps can be carried out in routine fashion. A reshaped antibody may therefore be prepared by a process comprising:

- a) preparing a first replicable expression vector including a suitable promoter operably linked to a DNA sequence which encodes at least a variable domain of an Ig heavy or light chain, the variable domain comprising framework regions from a first antibody and CDRs comprising at least parts of the CDRs from a second antibody of different specificity;
- b) if necessary, preparing a second replicable expression vector including a suitable promoter operably linked to a DNA sequence which encodes at least the
 variable domain of a complementary Ig light or heavy chain respectively;
 - c) transforming a cell line with the first or both prepared vectors; and
- d) culturing said transformed cell line to produce 25 said altered antibody.

Preferably the DNA sequence in step a) encodes both the variable domain and the or each constant domain of the antibody chain, the or each constant domain being derived from the first antibody. The antibody can be recovered and purified. The cell line which is transformed to produce the altered antibody may be a Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell line or an immortalised mammalian cell line, which is advantageously of lymphoid origin, such as a myeloma, hybridoma, trioma or quadroma cell line. The cell line may also comprise a normal lymphoid cell, such as a B-cell,

which has been immortalised by transformation with a virus, such as the Epstein-Barr virus. Most preferably, the immortalised cell line is a myeloma cell line or a derivative thereof.

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Although the cell line used to produce the altered antibody is preferably a mammalian cell line, any other suitable cell line, such as a bacterial cell line or a yeast cell line, may alternatively be used. In particular, it is envisaged that <u>E. coli</u> - derived bacterial strains could be used.

It is known that some immortalised lymphoid cell lines, such as myeloma cell lines, in their normal state secrete isolated Ig light or heavy chains. If such a cell line is transformed with the vector prepared in step (a) it will not be necessary to carry out step (b) of the process, provided that the normally secreted chain is complementary to the variable domain of the Ig chain encoded by the vector prepared in step (a).

However, where the immortalised cell line does not
secrete or does not secrete a complementary chain, it will
be necessary to carry out step (b). This step may be
carried out by further manipulating the vector produced in
step (a) so that this vector encodes not only the variable
domain of an altered antibody light or heavy chain, but
also the complementary variable domain.

Alternatively, step (b) is carried out by preparing a second vector which is used to transform the immortalised cell line. This alternative leads to easier construct preparation, but may be less preferred than the first alternative in that it may not lead to as efficient production of antibody.

In the case where the immortalised cell line secretes a complementary light or heavy chain, the transformed cell line may be produced for example by transforming a suitable bacterial cell with the vector and then fusing the

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bacterial cell with the immortalised cell line by spheroplast fusion. Alternatively, the DNA may be directly introduced into the immortalised cell line by electroporation or other suitable method.

An antibody is consequently produced in which CDRs of a variable domain of an antibody chain are homologous with the corresponding CDRs of an antibody of a first mammalian species and in which the framework of the variable domain and the constant domains of the antibody are homologous with the corresponding framework and constant domains of an antibody of a second, different, mammalian species.

Typically, all three CDRs of the variable domain of a light or heavy chain are derived from the first species.

The present process has been applied to obtain an
antibody against human CD4 antigen. Accordingly, the
invention also provides an antibody which is capable of
binding to human CD4 antigen, in which the CDRs of the
light chain of the antibody have the amino acid sequences:

CDR1: LASEDIYSDLA

20 CDR2: NTDTLQN

CDR3: QQYNNYPWT,

in which the CDRs of the heavy chain of the antibody have the amino acid sequences:

CDR1: NYGMA

25 CDR2: TISHDGSDTYFRDSVKG

CDR3: QGTIAGIRH, and

in which the framework of the variable domain and, if present, the or each constant domain of each chain are derived from a mammalian non-rat species.

30 The antibody preferably has the structure of a natural antibody or a fragment thereof. The antibody may therefore comprise a complete antibody, a (Fab')₂ fragment, a Fab fragment, a light chain dimer or a heavy chain.

The antibody may be an IgG such as IgG1, IgG2, IgG3 or IgG4 IgM, IgA, IgE or IgD. Alternatively, the antibody may be a chimaeric antibody of the type described in WO 86/01533.

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A chimaeric antibody according to WO 86/01533 comprises an antigen binding region and a non-immunoglobulin region. The antigen binding region is an antibody light chain variable domain or heavy chain variable domain. Typically the chimaeric antibody comprises both light and heavy chain variable domains. The non-immunoglobulin region is fused at its C-terminus to the antigen binding region. The non-immunoglobulin region is typically a non-immunoglobulin protein and may be an enzyme region, a region derived from a protein having known binding specificity, from a protein toxin or indeed from any protein expressed by a gene. The two regions of the chimaeric antibody may be connected via a cleavable linker sequence.

The invention is preferably employed to humanise a CD4 antibody such as a rat or mouse CD4 antibody. The

20 framework and the constant domains of the resulting antibody are therefore human framework and constant domains whilst the CDRs of the light and/or heavy chain of the antibody are rat or mouse CDRs. Preferably all CDRs are rat or mouse CDRs. The antibody may be a human IgG such as IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, IgG4; IgM; IgA; IgE or IgD carrying rat or mouse CDRs.

Preferably the framework of the antibody heavy chain is homologous to the corresponding framework of the human antibody KOL (Schmidt et al, Hoppe-Seyler's Z. Physiol.

30 Chem., 364 713-747, 1983). The sixth residue of framework 4 in this case is suitably Thr or Pro, preferably Thr. This residue is the 121st residue in the KOL antibody heavy chain variable region (Schmidt et al, 1983), and is identified as residue 108 by Kabat (Kabat et al, "Sequences of proteins of immunological interest", US Dept of Health

and Human Services, US Government Printing Office, 1987). Alternatively, the framework of the antibody heavy chain is homologous to the corresponding framework of the human antibody NEW (Saul et al, J. Biol.Chem. 253: 585-597,

5 1978). The final residue of framework 1 in this case is suitably Ser or Thr, preferably Ser. This residue is at position 30 (Kabat et al, 1987). Preferably the framework of the antibody light chain is homologous to the variable domain framework of the protein REI (Epp et al, Eur. J. Biochem., 45, 513-524, 1974).

The framework regions of one or both chains of a CD4 antibody can be reshaped by the present process.

Alternatively, one or both chains of a CD4 antibody may be reshaped by the procedure described in EP-A-0239400. The procedure of EP-A-0239400 involves replacing CDRs rather than the replacement of frameworks. The CDRs are grafted onto a framework derived from a mammalian non-rat species, typically a human. This may be achieved by oligonucleotide-directed in vitro mutagenesis of the CDR-encoding regions of an antibody chain, light or heavy, from a mammalian non-rat species. The oligonucleotides in such an instance are selected so that the resulting CDR-grafted antibody has the light chain CDRs 1 to 3 and the heavy chain CDRs 1 to 3 shown above.

The reshaped CD4 antibody can be used to induce tolerance to an antigen. It can be used to alleviate autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis. It can be used to prevent graft rejection. Tolerance to a graft such as an organ graft or a bone marrow transplantation can be achieved. Also, the reshaped CD4 antibody might be used to alleviate allergies. Tolerance to allergens could be achieved.

The CD4 antibody may be depleting or non-depleting. A depleting antibody is an antibody which depletes more than

50%, for example from 90 to 99%, of target cells in vivo.

A non-depleting antibody depletes fewer than 50%, for example, from 10 to 25% and preferably less than 10% of target cells in vivo. A CD4 antibody may be administered alone or may be co-administered with a non-depleting or depleting CD8 antibody. The CD4 antibody, depleting or non-depleting, and CD8 monoclonal antibody, depleting or non-depleting, may be administered sequentially in any order or may be administered simultaneously. An additional antibody, drug or protein may be administered before, during or after administration of the antibodies.

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A CD4 antibody and, indeed, a CD8 antibody as appropriate are given parenterally, for example intravenously. The antibody may be administered by injection or by infusion. For this purpose the antibody is formulated in a pharmaceutical composition further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent. Any appropriate carrier or diluent may be employed, for example phosphate-buffered saline solution.

The amount of non-depleting or depleting CD4 and, if desired, CD8 antibody administered to a patient depends upon a variety of factors including the age and weight of a patient, the condition which is being treated and the antigen(s) to which it is desired to induce tolerance. In a model mouse system from 1µg to 2mg, preferably from 400µg to 1mg, of a mAb is administered at any one time. In humans from 3 to 500mg, for example from 5 to 200mg, of antibody may be administered at any one time. Many such doses may be given over a period of several weeks,

A foreign antigen(s) to which it is desired to induce tolerance can be administered to a host before, during, or after a course of CD4 antibody (depleting or non-depleting) and/or CD8 antibody (depleting or non-depleting).

35 Typically, however, the antigen(s) is administered one week

after commencement of antibody administration, and is terminated three weeks before the last antibody administration.

Tolerance can therefore be induced to an antigen in a

5 host by administering non-depleting or depleting CD4 and
CD8 mAbs and, under cover of the mAbs, the antigen. A
patient may be operated on surgically under cover of the
non-depleting or depleting CD4 and CD8 mAbs to be given a
tissue transplant such as an organ graft or a bone marrow
transplant. Also, tolerance may be induced to an antigen
already possessed by a subject. Long term specific
tolerance can be induced to a self antigen or antigens in
order to treat autoimmune disease such as multiple
sclerosis or rheumatoid arthritis. The condition of a
patient suffering from autoimmune disease can therefore be
alleviated.

The following Example illustrates the invention. In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1: shows the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of rat CD4 antibody light chain variable region. The number of the first and last amino acid or nucleotide in each line is indicated in the left and right margins, respectively. Base pairs 1-269 (HindIII-PvuII) and 577-620 ([Bg1II/Bc1I]-BamHI) are part of the vector M13V_KPCR3, while base pairs 270-576 are from the PCR product of the CD4 antibody light chain variable region (V_L). CDRs (boxes) were identified by comparison to known immunological sequences (Kabat et al, "Sequences of proteins of immunological interest, US Dept of Health and Human Services, US Government Printing Office, 1987).

Figure 2: shows the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of the reshaped CAMPATH-1 antibody light chain cDNA. The number of the first and last amino acid or nucleotide in each line is indicated in the left and right margins, respectively. CDRs are identified by boxes.

Figure 3: shows the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of the reshaped CD4 antibody light chain cDNA CD4VLREI. The number of the first and last amino acid or nucleotide in each line is indicated in the left and right margins, respectively. CDRs are identified by boxes.

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Figure 4: shows the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of rat CD4 antibody heavy chain variable region. The number of the first and last amino acid or nucleotide in each line is indicated in the left and right margins, respectively. CDRs are identified by boxes. Base pairs 1-272 (HindIII-PstI) and 603-817 (BstEII-BamHI) are part of the vector M13VHPCR1, while base pairs 273-602 are from the PCR product of the CD4 antibody heavy chain variable region (VH).

15 Figure 5: shows the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of the reshaped CAMPATH-1 antibody heavy chain cDNA. The number of the first and last amino acid or nucleotide in each line is indicated in the left and right margins, respectively. CDRs are identified by boxes.

Figure 6: shows the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of the reshaped CD4 antibody heavy chain cDNA CD4VHNEW-Thr³⁰. The number of the first and last amino acid or nucleotide in each line is indicated in the left and right margins, respectively. CDRs are identified by boxes.

Figure 7: shows the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of the reshaped CD4 antibody heavy chain cDNA CD4V_HNEW-Ser³⁰. The number of the first and last amino acid or nucleotide in each line is indicated in the left and right margins, respectively. CDRs are identified by boxes.

Figure 8: shows the heavy chain variable (V) region amino acid sequence of the human myeloma protein KOL. CDRs are identified by boxes. This sequence is taken from the Swiss-Prot protein sequence database.

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Figure 9: shows the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of the reshaped CD4 antibody heavy chain V region CD4VHKOL-Pro¹¹³. The number of the first and last amino acid or nucleotide in each line is indicated in the left and right margins, respectively. CDRs are identified by boxes.

Figure 10: shows the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of the reshaped CD4 antibody heavy chain V region CD4VHKOL-Pro¹¹³ without immunoglobulin promoter. The number of the first and last amino acid or nucleotide in each line is indicated in the left and right margins, respectively. CDRs are identified by boxes.

Figure 11: shows the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of the reshaped CD4 antibody heavy chain V region CD4VHKOL-Thr¹¹³. The number of the first and last amino acid or nucleotide in each line is indicated in the left and right margins, respectively. CDRs are identified by boxes.

Figure 12: shows the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of the reshaped CD4 antibody heavy chain V region CD4VHKOL-Thr¹¹³ without immunoglobulin promoter. The number of the first and last amino acid or nucleotide in each line is indicated in the left and right margins, respectively. CDRs are identified by boxes.

Figure 13: shows the results of an ELISA that compares the avidity of YNB46.1.8 and CD4V $_{\rm H}$ KOL-Thr 113 antibodies. The X-axis indicates the concentration (μ g/ml) of YNB46.1.8 (triangles) or CD4V $_{\rm H}$ KOL-Thr 113 (circles) antibody. The Y-axis indicates the optical density at 492 nanometers.

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1. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Isolation of monoclonal antibody. The rat-derived antihuman CD4 antibody, clone YNB46.1.8 (IgG_{2b}, kappa light chain serotype), was the result of fusion between a rat splenocyte and the Lou strain rat myeloma cell line Y3-Ag 1.2.3 (Galfre et al, Nature, 277: 131-133, 1979) and was selected by its binding to a rat T cell line NB2-6TG stably transfected with an expression vector containing a complementary DNA (cDNA) encoding the human CD4 antigen (Madden et al, Cell, 42: 93-104, 1985). Antibody was purified by high pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC).

Isolation of Antibody Variable Regions. cDNAs encoding the $V_{\rm L}$ and $V_{\rm H}$ regions of the CD4 antibody were isolated by 15 a polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-based method (Orlandi et al, PNAS USA, 86: 3833-3837, 1989) with some modifications. Total RNA was isolated from hybridoma cells by the guanidine thiocyanate method (Chirgwin et al, Biochemistry, 18: 5294, 1979), and poly(λ) + RNA was isolated by passage 20 of total RNA through and elution from an oligo(dT)cellulose column (Aviv and Leder PNAS USA 69: 1408, 1972). Poly(A) + RNA was heated at 70°C for 5 minutes and cooled on ice just prior to use. A $25\mu l$ first strand synthesis reaction consisted of $5\mu g$ poly(A) + RNA, 250 μM each dNTP, 25 50 mM Tris.HCl (pH 8.2 at 42°C), 10 mM MgCl2, 100 mM KCl, 10 mM dithiothreitol, 23 units reverse transcriptase (Anglian Biotec, Colchester, U.K.), 3.5 pmoles of the ${
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m L}$ region-specific oligonucleotide primer V_K 1FOR [5'-d(GTT AGA TCT CCA GCT TGG TCC C)] or the $V_{\mbox{\scriptsize H}}$ region-specific primer 30 VH1FOR-B [5,-d(TGA GGA GAC GGT GAC CGT GGT CCC TTG GCC)], and incubated for 5 minutes at 20°C and then 90 minutes at

Subsequent 50 µl PCR amplifications consisted of 5 µl of the first strand synthesis reaction (unpurified), 500 µM each dNTP, 67 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.8 at 25°C), 17 mM (NH₄)₂SO₄, 10 mM MgCl₂, 20 µg/ml gelatin, 5 units TAQ DNA polymerase (Koch-Light, Haverhill, U.K.), and 25 pmoles (each) of primers V_KlFOR and V_KlBACK [5'-d(GAC ATT CAG CTG ACC CAG TCT CCA)] for the V_L region or V_HlFOR-B and the mixed primer V_HlBACK [5'-d(AG GT(CG) (CA)A(GA) CTG CAG (GC)AG TC(TA) GG)] for the V_H region. Reactions were overlayed with mineral oil and subjected to 30 cycles of 1.5 minutes at 95°C (denaturation), 1.5 minutes at 37°C (V_L) or 50°C (V_H; annealing), and 3 minutes at 72°C (extension) with a Techne PHC-l programmable cyclic reactor. The final cycle contained a 10 minute extension time.

The samples were frozen at -20°C and the mineral oil (a viscous liquid at -20°C) was removed by aspiration. aqueous phases were thawed, and PCR products were purified by electrophoresis in 2% agarose gels, and then double 20 digested with either PvuII and BglII ($V_{\rm L}$) or PstI and BstEII (VH) restriction enzymes, and cloned into the PvuII and BclI restriction sites of the vector M13V $_{
m K}$ PCR3 (for V $_{
m L}$ region; Orlandi et al, 1989) or the PstI and BstEII restriction sites of the vector $M13V_{\rm H}PCR1$ (for $V_{\rm H}$ region). 25 As described in the results, $V_{\rm L}$ region clones were first screened by hybridisation to a 32P-labeled oligonucleotide probe [5'-d(GTT TCA TAA TAT TGG AGA CA)] specific for the CDR2 of the Y3-Ag 1.2.3 $\rm V_L$ region. $\rm V_L$ region clones not hybridising to this probe and V_{H} region clones were 30 sequenced by the dideoxy chain termination method (Sanger et al, PNAS USA 74: 5463, 1977).

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Reshaped Light Chain Variable Region and Expression Vector Construct.

The reshaped light chain was constructed by oligonucleotide-directed in vitro mutagenesis in an M13 5 vector by priming with three oligonucleotides simultaneously on a 748 base single-stranded cDNA template encoding the entire $extsf{V}_{ extsf{L}}$ and kappa constant ($extsf{C}_{ extsf{K}}$) regions of the reshaped CAMPATH-1 antibody (Reichmann et al, Nature 332: 323-327, 1988). The three oligonucleotides [5'-d(AGA 10 GTG ACC ATC ACC TGT CTA GCA AGT GAG GAC ATT TAC AGT GAT TTA GCA TGG TAC CAG CAG AAG CCA), 5'-d(CTG CTG ATC TAC AAT ACA GAT ACC TTG CAA AAT GGT GTG CCA AGC AGA TTC), 5'-d(ATC GCC ACC TAC TAC TGC CAA CAG TAT AAC AAT TAT CCG TGG ACG TTC GGC CAA GGG ACC)] were designed to replace each of the three 15 CDRs in the REI-based human antibody ${
m V}_{
m L}$ region framework that is part of the reshaped CAMPATH-1 antibody $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{L}}$ region (Reichmann et al, 1988). A clone containing each of the three mutant oligonucleotides was identified by nucleotide sequencing and was subcloned into the HindIII site of the 20 expression vector pH β APr-1 (Gunning et al, PNAS, 84: 4831-4835, 1987) which also contained a dihydrofolate reductase gene (Ringold et al, J.Mol.Appl. Genet. 1: 165-175, 1981) driven by a truncated SV40 promoter.

Reshaped Heavy Chain Variable Regions Based on the

Variable Region Framework of the Human Antibody NEW, and
Expression Vector Constructs.

Two versions of the NEW-based reshaped heavy chain were created, CD4V_HNEW-Thr³⁰ and CD4V_HNEW-Ser³⁰. The CD4V_HNEW-Thr³⁰ version (Figure 6) encodes a threonine residue at position 30 while the CD4V_HNEW-Ser³⁰ version (Figure 7) encodes a Ser residue at position 30. As a matter of convenience, CD4V_HNEW-Thr³⁰ was created first by oligonucleotide-directed <u>in vitro</u> mutagenesis in the vector M13mp18 by priming with three oligonucleotides

promoter.

simultaneously on a 1467 base single-stranded cDNA template (Figure 5) encoding the entire heavy chain of the reshaped CAMPATH-1 antibody (Reichmann et al, 1988). The three oligonucleotides [5'-d(TCT GGC TTC ACC TTC ACC AAC TAT GGC 5 ATG GCC TGG GTG AGA CAG CCA CCT), 5'-d(GGT CTT GAG TGG ATT GGA ACC ATT AGT CAT GAT GGT AGT GAC ACT TAC TTT CGA GAC TCT GTG AAG GGG AGA GTG),5'-d(GTC TAT TAT TGT GCA AGA CAA GGC ACT ATA GCT GGT ATA CGT CAC TGG GGT CAA GGC AGC CTC)] were designed to replace each of the three complementarity 10 determining regions (CDRs) in the NEW-based V_{H} region that is part of the reshaped CAMPATH-1 antibody (Reichmann et al, 1988). A clone (Figure 6) containing each of the three mutant oligonucleotides was identified by nucleotide sequencing. CD4V_HNEW-Ser³⁰ was created second by 15 oligonucleotide-directed in vitro mutagenesis in the vector M13mp18 by priming with a single oligonucleotide on the 1458 base single-stranded cDNA template (Figure 6) encoding CD4V_HNEW-Thr³⁰. The oligonucleotide [5'-d(GCT TCA CCT TCA GCA ACT ATG GCA T)] was designed to mutate the residue at 20 position 30 from threonine [ACC] to serine [AGC]. A clone (Figure 7) containing this mutant oligonucleotide was identified by nucleotide sequencing. Double-stranded forms of the clones CD4VHNEW-Thr30 and CD4VHNEW-Ser30 were subcloned as HindIII fragments into the HindIII site of the 25 expression vector pNH316. The vector pNH316 is a modified version of the vector pH\$APr-1 (Gunning et al, PNAS, 84: 4831-4835, 1987) which was engineered to contain a neomycin resistance gene driven by a metallothionine

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Reshaped Heavy Chain Variable Regions Based on the Variable Region Framework of the Human Antibody KOL, and Expression Vector Constructs

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Two versions of the KOL-based reshaped heavy chain were 5 created, $CD4V_HKOL-Thr^{113}$ and $CD4V_HKOL-Pro^{113}$. The ${
m CD4V_{H}KOL-Thr^{113}}$ version encodes a threonine residue at position 113 (Figure 11) while the CD4VHKOL-Proll3 version encodes a proline residue at position 113 (Figure 9). As a matter of convenience, CD4VHKOL-Thr113 was created first by 10 oligonucleotide-directed in vitro mutagenesis of singlestranded DNA template containing the 817 base HindIII-BamHI fragment encoding the $V_{\mbox{\scriptsize H}}$ region of the rat CD4 antibody (Figure 4) cloned into M13mp18 by priming simultaneously with five oligonucleotides [5'-d(CAC TCC CAG GTC CAA CTG 15 GTG GAG TCT GGT GGA GGC GTG GTG CAG CCT GG), 5'-d(AAG GTC CCT GAG ACT CTC CTG TTC CTC CTC TGG ATT CAT CTT CAG TAA CTA TGG CAT G), 5'-d(GTC CGC CAG GCT CCA GGC AAG GGG CTG GAG TGG), 5'-d(ACT ATC TCC AGA GAT AAT AGC AAA AAC ACC CTA TTC CTG CAA ATG G), 5'-d(ACA GTC TGA GGC CCG AGG ACA CGG GCG 20 TGT ATT TCT GTG CAA GAC AAG GGA C)] which were designed to replace the rat framework regions with the human framework regions of KOL. A clone containing each of the five mutant oligonucleotides was identified by nucleotide sequencing. ${\rm CD4V_{H}KOL\text{-}Pro^{113}}$ was created second by oligonucleotide-25 directed in vitro mutagenesis of single-stranded DNA template containing the 817 base HindIII-BamHI fragment encoding CD4VHKOL-Thr113 cloned into M13mp18 by priming with the oligonucleotide [5'-d(TGG GGC CAA GGG ACC CCC GTC ACC GTC TCC TCA)]. A clone containing this mutant 30 oligonucleotide was identified by nucleotide sequencing. The immunoglobulin promoters were removed from the double-stranded DNA forms of clones encoding CD4V $_{
m H}$ KOL-

Thr¹¹³ (Figure 11) and CD4V_HKOL-Pro¹¹³ (Figure 9) by

replacing (for both versions) the first 125 bp (HindIII-35 NcoI) with a HindIII-NcoI oligonucleotide linker fragment

[5'-d(AGC TTT ACA GTT ACT GAG CAC ACA GGA CCT CAC) and its overlapping complement 5'-d(CAT GGT GAG GTC CTG TGT GCT CAG TAA CTG TAA)]. The resultant clones, CD4V_HKOL-Thr¹¹³ (Figure 12) and CD4V_HKOL-Pro¹¹³ (Figure 10), now 731 bp HindIII-BamHI fragments, were separately subcloned into the HindIII and BamHI cloning sites of the expression vector pHβAPr-1-gpt (Gunning et al, PNAS USA 76, 1373, 1987) into which had been cloned the human IgG1 constant region gene (Bruggemann et al, J.Exp.Med. 166, 1351-1361, 1987) at the BamHI site. Thus, when transfected and expressed as antibody heavy chains (see below), these reshaped V_H regions are linked to human IgG1 constant regions.

Fluorescence activated cell sorter (FACS) analysis

The relative affinities of the reshaped antibodies to

15 bind the CD4 antigen were estimated by FACS analysis. The

CD4-expressing cells used in this analysis were a cloned

rat T cell line NB2-6TG stabily transfected with an

expression vector containing a complementary DNA (cDNA)

encoding the human CD4 antigen (Maddon et al, Cell, 42, 93
104, 1985). Cells were stained with the appropriate

reshaped antibody followed by fluorescein-conjugated sheep

anti-human antibodies (Binding Site Ltd., Birmingham, UK).

Control staining (see Table 1) consisted of no antibody

present during the first stage of cell staining. Mean

25 cellular fluorescence was determined with an Ortho FACS.

Antibody avidity analysis

The relative avidities of the rat YNB46.1.8 antibody and the reshaped CD4V_HKOL-Thr¹¹³ antibody were estimated by an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). Microtiter plates were coated with soluble recombinant CD4 antigen (Byrn et al, Nature, 344: 667-670, 1990) at 50 ul/well, 10 ug/ml, and then blocked with 100 ul/well phosphate buffered saline (PBS) containing 1.0% bovine serum albumin

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(BSA). Antibodies were diluted in PBS containing 0.1% BSA, and added to wells (50 ul/well) for 45 minutes at room temperature. Biotinylated CD4VHKOL-Thr113 antibody (10 ul/well; 20 ug/ml final concentration) was then added to 5 each well for an additional 45 minutes. Wells were washed with PBS containing 0.1% BSA, and then 50 ul streptavidinbiotinylated horseradish peroxidase complex (Amersham; Aylesbury, UK) diluted 1:1,000 was added to each well for 30 minutes. Wells were washed with PBS containing 0.1% 10 BSA, and 100 ul substrate (25 mM citric acid, 50 mM disodium hydrogen phosphate, 0.1% (w/v) o-phenylene diamine, 0.04% (v/v) 30% hydrogen peroxide) was added to each well. Reactions were stopped by the addition of 50 ul/well 1.0 M sulfuric acid. Optical densities at 492 15 nanometers (OD492) were determined with an ELISA plate reader.

Transfections.

Dihydrofolate reductase deficient chinese hamster ovary (CHODHFR-) cells (10⁶/T-75 flask) were cotransfected as described (Wigler et al., PNAS USA 76, 1373, 1979) with 9µg of heavy chain construct and 1 µg of the light chain construct. Transfectants were selected in medium containing 5% dialysed foetal bovine serum for 2 to 3 weeks, and antibody-secreting clones were identified by ELISAs of conditioned media. Antibody was concentrated and purified by protein-A Sepharose (Trade Mark) column chromatography.

2. RESULTS

Cloning of Light and Heavy Chain Variable Region cDNAs. cDNAs encoding the $\rm V_L$ and $\rm V_H$ regions from CD4 antibody-secreting hybridoma cells were isolated by PCR using primers which amplify the segment of mRNA encoding the N-

terminal region through to the J region (Orlandi et al, 1989). V_L and V_H region PCR products were subcloned into the M13-based vectors M13V_KPCR3 and M13V_HPCR1, respectively. Initial nucleotide sequence analysis of random V_L region clones revealed that most of the cDNAs encoded the V_L region of the light chain expressed by the Y3-Ag 1.2.3 rat myeloma cell line (Crowe et al, Nucleic Acid Research, 17: 7992, 1989) that was used as the fusion partner to generate the anti-CD4 hybridoma. It is likely that the expression of the Y3-Ag 1.2.3 light chain mRNA is greater than that of the CD4 antibody light chain, or the Y3-Ag 1.2.3 light chain mRNA is preferentially amplified during the PCR.

To maximize the chance of finding CD4 $m V_L$ region cDNAs, 15 we first screened all M13 clones by hybridisation to a 32 plabeled oligonucleotide probe that is complementary to the CDR 2 of Y3-Ag 1.2.3 (Crowe et al, Nucleic Acid Research. 17: 7992, 1989). Subsequent sequence analysis was restricted to M13 clones which did not contain sequence 20 complementary to this probe. In this manner, two cDNA clones from independent PCR amplifications were identified that encoded identical $V_{\rm L}$ regions. Nucleotide sequence analysis of random V_H region PCR products revealed a single species of $V_{\mbox{\scriptsize H}}$ region cDNA. Two $V_{\mbox{\scriptsize H}}$ cDNA clones from independent PCR amplifications were found to contain 25 identical sequences except that the codon of residue 14 encoded proline [CCT] in one clone while the second clone encoded leucine [CTT] at the same position.

According to Kabat et al 1987, 524 of 595 sequenced $V_{\rm H}$ regions contain a proline residue at this position, while only 6 contain leucine. We have therefore chosen the proline-encoding clone for illustration (see below). As residue 14 lies well within the first $V_{\rm H}$ framework region and not in a CDR, it is unlikely to contribute directly to antigen binding, and the ambiguity at this position did not

affect the subsequent reshaping strategy. Thus, we have not investigated this sequence ambiguity further.

The cDNA sequences and their predicted amino acid sequences are shown in Figures 1 and 4. As no additional V_L or V_H region-encoding clones were found, it was assumed that these sequences were derived from the CD4 antibody genes.

Construction of reshaped antibodies.

Our goal was to investigate the importance of selecting the appropriate human V region framework during reshaping. Two reshaping strategies were employed.

First reshaping strategy.

In the first strategy, we created a reshaped antibody that incorporated the CDRs from the rat-derived CD4 15 antibody and the same human V region framework sequences that we had previously successfully used for the reshaped CAMPATH-1 antibody, namely an REI-based framework for the ${ t V}_{
m L}$ region and an NEW-based framework for the ${ t V}_{
m H}$ region (Reichmann et al, 1988). This was accomplished by 20 oligonucleotide-directed in vitro mutagenesis of the six CDRs of the reshaped CAMPATH-1 antibody light and heavy chain cDNAs shown in Figures 2 and 5, respectively. resultant reshaped CD4 antibody light chain (Figure 3) is called $\mathtt{CD4V_LREI}$. Two versions of the NEW-based reshaped 25 CD4 antibody heavy chain were created: CD4VHNEW-Thr30 (Figure 6) encoding a threonine residue at position 30 (in framework 1) and ${\rm CD4V_{H}NEW\text{-}Ser^{30}}$ (Figure 7) encoding a serine residue at position 30. These two different versions were created because the successfully reshaped 30 CAMPATH-1 antibody heavy chain bound antigen well whether position 30 encoded a threonine or serine residue

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(Reichmann et al, 1988), and we chose to test both possibilities in this case as well.

Second reshaping strategy

In the second reshaping strategy, we have reshaped the CD4 antibody V_H region to contain the V_H region framework sequences of the human antibody KOL. Of all known human antibody V_H regions, the overall amino acid sequence of the V_H region of KOL is most homologous to the rat CD4 antibody V_H region. The V_H regions of the human antibodies KOL and NEW are 66% and 42% homologous to the rat CD4 antibody V_H region, respectively.

Two versions of the KOL-based reshaped CD4 antibody heavy chain V region were created that differ by a single amino acid residue within the fourth framework region:

15 CD4VHKOL-Proll3 (Figure 10) encodes a proline residue at position 113 and CD4VHKOL-Thr¹¹³ (Figure 12) encodes a threonine residue at position 113. CD4VHKOL-Proll3 is "true to form" in that its framework sequences are identical to those of the KOL antibody heavy chain V region (Figure 8).

Of all known human antibody V_L regions, the overall amino acid sequence of the V_L region of the human light chain NEW is most homologous (67%) to the rat CD4 antibody V_L region. Thus, the identical reshaped light chain,

25 CD4V_LREI (described above), that was expressed with the NEW-based reshaped CD4 antibody heavy chains CD4V_HNEW-Thr³⁰ and CD4V_HNEW-Ser³⁰, is also expressed with the KOL-based reshaped CD4 antibody heavy chains CD4V_HKOL-Pro¹¹³ and CD4V_HKOL-Thr¹¹³. This is advantageous because expression of the same reshaped light chain with different reshaped heavy chains allows for a direct functional comparison of each reshaped heavy chain.

To summarise, four different reshaped antibodies were created. The reshaped light chain of each antibody is

called CD4V_LREI. The reshaped heavy chains of the antibodies are called CD4V_HNEW-Thr³⁰, CD4V_HNEW-Ser³⁰, CD4V_HKOL-Pro¹¹³, and CD4V_HKOL-Thr¹¹³, respectively. Each of the reshaped heavy chains contain the same human IgG1 constant region. As each reshaped antibody contains the same reshaped light chain, the name of a reshaped antibody's heavy chain shall be used below to refer to the whole antibody (heavy and light chain combination).

Relative affinities of the reshaped antibodies

- The relative affinities of the reshaped antibodies were approximated by measuring their ability to bind to CD4 antigen-expressing cells at various antibody concentrations. FACS analysis determined the mean cellular fluorescence of the stained cells (Table 1).
- 15 It is clear from this analysis that the reshaped CD4 antibodies bind to CD4 antigen to varying degrees over a broad concentration range. Consider Experiment 1 of Table 1 first. Comparing CD4VHKOL-Thr¹¹³ antibody to CD4VHNEW-Thr³⁰ antibody, it is clear that both antibodies bind CD4⁺ cells when compared to the control, reshaped CAMPATH-1 antibody. However, CD4VHKOL-Thr¹¹³ antibody binds CD4⁺ cells with far greater affinity than CD4VHNEW-Thr³⁰ antibody. The lowest concentration of CD4VHKOL-Thr¹¹³ antibody tested (2.5 ug/ml) gave a mean cellular
- fluorescence nearly equivalent to that of the highest concentration of CD4V_HNEW-Thr³⁰ antibody tested (168 ug/ml). Experiment 2 demonstrates that CD4V_HNEW-Ser³⁰ antibody may bind CD4⁺ cells somewhat better than CD4V_HNEW-Thr³⁰. Only 2.5 ug/ml CD4V_HNEW-Ser³⁰ antibody is required to give a mean cellular fluorescence nearly equivalent to
- to give a mean cellular fluorescence nearly equivalent to $10~{\rm ug/ml~CD4V_HNEW-Thr^{30}}$ antibody. Experiment 3 demonstrates that ${\rm CD4V_HKOL-Thr^{113}}$ antibody may bind ${\rm CD4^+}$ cells somewhat better than ${\rm CD4V_HKOL-Pro^{113}}$ antibody.

From these assays, it is clear that the KOL-based reshaped antibodies are far superior to the NEW-based reshaped antibodies with regards to affinity towards CD4⁺ cells. Also, there is a lesser difference, if any, between CD4V_HNEW-Thr³⁰ antibody and CD4V_HNEW-Ser³⁰ antibody, and likewise between CD4V_HKOL-Thr¹¹³ antibody and CD4V_HKOL-Pro¹¹³ antibody. A ranking of these reshaped antibodies can thus be derived based on their relative affinities for CD4+ cells:

10 CD4VHKOL-Thr¹¹³ > CD4VHKOL-Pro¹¹³ >> CD4VHNEW-Ser³⁰ > CD4VHNEW-Thr³⁰

It should be restated that each of the reshaped CD4
antibodies used in the above experiments have the identical
heavy chain constant regions, and are associated with
identical reshaped light chains. Thus observed differences
of binding to CD4+ cells must be due to differences in
their heavy chain V regions.

Relative avidities of the rat YNB46.1.8 antibody and the reshaped CD4V_HKOL-Thr¹¹³ antibody

The relative avidities of the rat YNB46.1.8 antibody and 20 the reshaped $CD4V_HKOL-Thr^{113}$ antibody were estimated by ELISA. In this assay, the ability of each antibody to inhibit the binding of biotinylated CD4VHKOL-Thr113 antibody to soluble recombinant CD4 antigen was determined. Results of an experiment are shown in Figure 13. 25 inhibition of binding of biotinylated CD4VHKOL-Thr113 antibody was linear for both the unlabeled CD4VHKOL-Thr113 and YNB46.1.8 antibodies near the optical density of 0.3. The concentrations of CD4VHKOL-Thr113 and YNB46.1.8 antibodies that give an optical density of 0.3 are 28.7 and 30 1.56 ug/ml, respectively. Thus the avidity of the YNB46.1.8 antibody can be estimated to be 28.7/1.56 or about 18 times better than that of $CD4V_HKOL-Thr^{113}$ antibody. It should be noted that this experiment only provides a rough approximation of relative avidities, not

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affinities. The rat YNB46.1.8 antibody contains a different constant region than that of the CD4VHKOL-Thr113 antibody, and this could affect how well the antibodies bind CD4 antigen, irrespective of their actual affinities for CD4 antigen. The actual affinity of the reshaped antibodies for CD4 antigen may be greater, lesser, or the same as the YNB46.1.8 antibody. The other reshaped antibodies CD4VHKOL-Pro¹¹³, CD4VHNEW-Ser³⁰, and CD4VHNEW-Thr³⁰ have not yet been tested in this assay.

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Table 1. Mean cellular fluorescence of CD4⁺ cells stained with reshaped antibodies

5	Reshaped Antibody	Concentration	Mean cellular Fluorescence
5		$(\mu g/ml)$	
	Experiment 1.		
	CD4V _H KOL-Thr ¹¹³	113	578.0
	CD4VnKOL-Thr-113	40	549.0
	CD4VnKOL-Thr113	10	301.9
10	CD4V _H KOL-Thr ¹¹³	2.5	100.5
	CD4VnEW-Thr30	168	97.0
	CD4VHNEW-Thr30	40	40.4
	CD4VHNEW-Thr30	10	18.7
	CD4VHNEW-Thr30	2.5	10.9
15	CAMPATH-1	100	11.6
	CAMPATH-1	40	9.4
	CAMPATH-1	10	9.0
	CAMPATH-1	2.5	8.6
	CONTROL		9.0
20	Experiment 2.		
	CD4V _H NEW-Thr30 CD4V _H NEW-Thr30	168	151.3
	CD4VHNEW-Thr30	40	81.5
	CD4VHNEW-Thr30	10	51.0
25	CD4VHNEW-Ser30	2.5 160	39.3
29	CD4VHNEW-Ser30	40	260.2
	CD4VHNEW-Ser30	10	123.5
	CD4VHNEW-Ser30	2.5	68.6
	CONTROL	2.3	49.2 35.8
			35.6
30	Experiment 3.		
	CD4V _H KOL-Pro ¹¹³	100	504.0
	CD4VHKOL-Proll3	40	594.9 372.0
	CD4VHKOL-Proll3	10	
	CD4VHKOL-Prol13	2.5	137.7 48.9
35	CD4VHKOL-Thr113	100	696.7
	CD4VHKOL-Thr113	40	631.5
	CD4VHKOL-Thr113	10	304.1
	CD4VHKOL-Thr113	2.5	104.0
	CONTROL		12.3
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CLAIMS

- A process for the preparation of an antibody chain in which the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of the variable domain of the antibody chain are derived from a first mammalian species and the framework of the variable domain and, if present, the or each constant domain of the antibody chain are derived from a second different mammalian species, which process comprises:
- (i) mutating the framework-encoding regions
 of DNA encoding a variable domain of an antibody chain of
 the said first species such that the mutated frameworkencoding regions encode the said framework derived from the
 said second species; and
- (ii) expressing the said antibody chain
 15 utilising the mutated DNA from step (i).
 - 2. A process according to claim 1, wherein the framework-encoding regions of DNA encoding the variable domain of an antibody heavy chain are mutated in step (i).
- 20 3. A process according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the framework-encoding regions of DNA encoding the variable domain of an antibody light chain are mutated in step (i).
- 4. A process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the said first species is rat or 25 mouse.
 - A process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the said second species is human.
 - 6. A process according to any one of the preceding claims, comprising:

- (a) determining the nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequence of a variable domain of a selected antibody chain of the said first species;
- (b) determining the antibody framework to which the framework of the said domain is to be altered;
 - (c) mutating the framework-encoding regions of DNA encoding the said variable domain such that the mutated framework-encoding regions encode the framework determined upon in step (b).
- 10 (d) linking the mutated DNA obtained in step (c) to DNA encoding a constant domain of the said second species and cloning the DNA into an expression vector; and
- (e) introducing the expression vector into a compatible host cell and culturing the host cell under suchconditions that antibody chain is expressed.
- 7. A process according to claim 6, in which about the most homologous framework of an antibody chain of a different species is selected in step (b) as the framework to which the framework of the said variable domain is to be altered.
 - 8. A process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the antibody of the said first species is a CD4 antibody.
- 9. A process according to any one of the
 25 preceding claims, wherein the said antibody chain is coexpressed with a complementary antibody chain and antibody
 comprising the said two chains is recovered.
- 10. An antibody which is capable of binding to human CD4 antigen, in which the CDRs of the light chain of30 the antibody have the amino acid sequences:

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CDR1:

LASEDIYSDLA

CDR2:

NTDTLQN

CDR3:

QQYNNYPWT

in which the CDRs of the heavy chain of the antibody have the amino acid sequences:

CDR1:

NYGMA

CDR2:

TISHDGSDTYFRDSVKG

CDR3:

QGTIAGIRH, and

in which the framework of the variable domain and, if present, the or each constant domain of each chain are derived from a mammalian non-rat species.

- 11. An antibody according to claim 10, in which the mammalian non-rat species is human.
- 12. An antibody according to claim 11, in which
 15 the variable domain framework of the heavy chain is
 homologous to the heavy chain variable domain framework of
 the protein KOL.
- 13. An antibody according to claim 12, in which the heavy chain variable region has the amino acid sequence 20 shown in the upper line in Figure 10 or 12.
 - 14. An antibody according to claim 11, in which the variable domain framework of the heavy chain is homologous to the heavy chain variable domain framework of the protein NEW.
- 25 15. An antibody according to claim 14, in which the heavy chain variable region has the amino acid sequence shown in the upper line of Figure 6 or 7.
 - 16. An antibody according to any one of claims 11 to 15, in which the variable domain framework of the light

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chain is homologous to the variable domain framework of the protein REI.

- 17. An antibody according to claim 16, in which the light chain has the amino acid sequence shown in the 5 upper line of Figure 3.
 - 18. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent and, as active ingredient, an antibody as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 17.

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FIG.5 (contd.)

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FIG. 5 (contd.)

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270	290	310	330	350

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FIG 6

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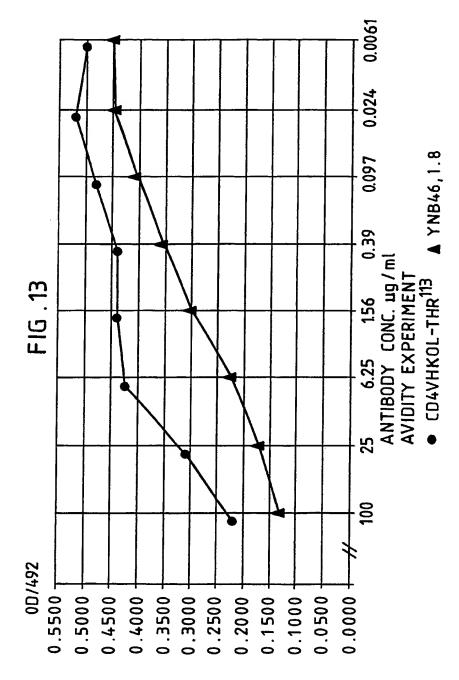
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Y F C A R	QGTIAGIRHWGQGTT	113
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